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**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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**College seeks patients for dental clinic**

Howard College dental hygiene students are seeking patients in need of teeth cleaning or X-rays for the dental hygiene clinic.

The cost for teeth cleaning is \$6 for children and \$10 for adults. A full set of X-rays costs \$15. Second year dental hygiene students perform all services.

The dental hygiene clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 264-5075.

**WHAT'S UP...**

TODAY

□ Rackley-Swords chapter 379 Vietnam Vets of America meet at 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Rd.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS, noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Dance 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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## Horton files for another term on Big Spring City Council

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council incumbent Stephanie Horton has filed to run for re-election to her District 1 seat in the May 4 election.



HORTON

Horton, a nine-year veteran of the council, has served as mayor pro-tem. Her main focus as a council member recently is working for the city's youth, she said.

"I'm working on trying to get a youth center," she said. "We need to focus on our youth. We're losing them. They're leaving town. If we don't have anything for them here, they'll go other places that can meet

their pleasure."

Horton said she's been involved in the recent city cleanup including the refurbishing of the Municipal Auditorium, the City Council Chambers and City Hall, the Comanche Trail Park swimming pool and the construction of the new air terminal.

"I was very instrumental in Morgan Park," she added. "And I don't want to

forget the renaming of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

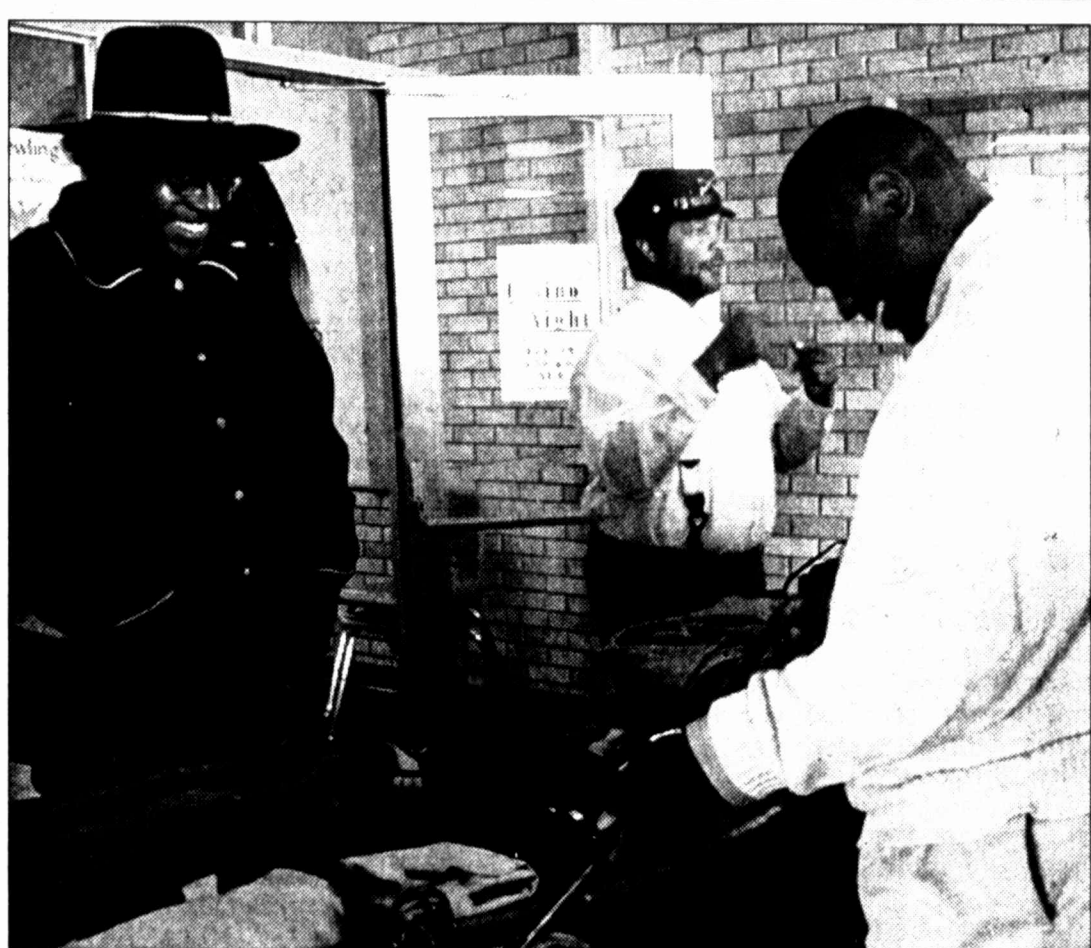
"I feel that I have served the city to the best of my ability and I would like to continue doing so."

Horton is the second person to file for the city council election; Jimmy Ruth, a technician for Cox Communications, filed earlier in the week to run for the District 3 seat.

District 3 incumbent Chuck Cawthon has said he does not plan to seek re-election.

Dan Shelburne and Paulette Lindsey have both filed to run for at-large seats in the Coahoma election. The Stanton election has attracted no filers yet.

The deadline to file for city elections throughout the Crossroads area is March 20.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Paul Cook, left, and Rickey Rinehart of the San Angelo Fort Concho Buffalo Soldiers answer questions about the Buffalo Soldier's way of life on Wednesday at Howard College. The Rev. Michael Willard, right, of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, looks over the equipment and weapons the soldiers used during the 1800s. According to Cook, the black soldiers were stationed in the West following the Civil War and help to protect settlers against the Native Americans.

## Alleged kidnapping ends peacefully in East Texas; suspect being brought back

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was rescued Tuesday night from her estranged husband after being held hostage in a car for four days.

Police officers in Canton, 60 miles south-east of Dallas and 330 miles east of Big Spring, spotted the vehicle in which David Ornelas, 22, had allegedly kidnapped Laura Ornelas, also 22, from her Big Spring home.

Canton officers dragged the man from his car after he reportedly refused to get out. He was charged with aggravated kidnapping and denied bail and is currently on his way back to Big Spring.

"He was arrested in Canton yesterday," said Sgt.

Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department. "A couple of our guys went up there to pick him up and they're on their way back now. They're at Weatherford headed back this way."

Sweatt said Ornelas will face another hearing before a local judge.

Laura Ornelas was not injured during the ordeal, Sweatt said.

"She's OK," he said. "She's pretty shook or upset or whatever, but there are no physical injuries or anything like that."

The kidnapping victim returned to the area Wednesday, Sweatt added.

"I think she's in Colorado City now," he said. "She may be back over here now, but I think her parents went up to Canton and brought her back as far as Colorado City yesterday."

Family members and

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## Sales tax rebates for Big Spring take another drop

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Sales tax rebates for Big Spring took another drop in February, according to the State Comptroller's office.

The Howard County seat, which ended the year with rebates up 5.32 percent compared to 2000, started out the year with rebates 0.58 percent off the pace of the previous January. For February, rebates were down 8.19 percent.

Howard County was one of nine out of 18 area cities and towns to experience a decrease in sales tax rebates for February, compared to February of 2001.

Big Spring received \$401,739.09 this month.

That compares to \$437,597.82 in February of 2001. For the year, the city has received \$650,056.94, down 5.42 percent.

At Coahoma, rebates dropped 4.12 percent for February. Coahoma received \$4,189.06 this month, compared to \$4,369.20 in February 2001. For the year, Coahoma has received \$7,260.49, down 5.03 percent.

Forsan saw sales tax receipts increase by 15.40 percent. The city received \$2,568.25 this month compared to \$2,225.37 in February of 2001. For the year, Forsan has received \$7,716.65, up 158.86 percent. Abilene received

**SALES TAX REBATES**

Big Spring

January -0.58 %  
February -5.42 %

\$3,143,032.46 this month, up 6.21 percent compared to the \$2,959,181.22 received the previous February. For the year, Abilene has received \$4,932,148.83, up 5.08 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up 6.61 percent for Andrews, which received \$85,771 this month, compared to \$80,445.99 in February of 2001. Andrews has received \$134,061.94 for the year, up 1.16 percent.

Colorado City had a 4.12

percent decrease in rebates, comparing the \$50,427.20 received this month to \$52,487.23 received 12 months ago. For the year, Colorado City has received \$81,432.02, down 2.4 percent.

Fort Stockton enjoyed a 38.67 percent increase in rebates, comparing the \$107,331.48 received this month to the \$77,397.63 taken in during February 2001. For the year, Fort Stockton has received \$180,856.27, up 3.2 percent.

Kermit received \$33,669.05 this month, a decrease of 4.25 percent when compared to the \$35,165.95 collected a year ago. For the year, Kermit has received \$57,714.26, down 4.62 per-

cent.

Lamesa had a decrease of 9.14 percent in sales tax rebates for the month. The Dawson County community received \$101,781.50 compared to \$112,024.26 in February of 2001. For the year, Lamesa has received \$160,149.34, down 6.05 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up 5.43 percent for Lubbock, which received \$3,374,479.29 this month, compared to \$3,200,584.98 last February. For the year, Lubbock has received \$5,450,497.41, up 4.21 percent.

Midland, which will see increased rebates this

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## Public hearing, vote set tonight on closure of Anderson campus

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will make the final decision tonight on closing Anderson Kindergarten Center and the proposed school zone realignments.

"We have had six public forums on this issue at each elementary campus," said BSISD superintendent Murray Murphy. "Parents and patrons have been given the opportunity to voice their questions, concerns and alternative plans and the response has been very positive."

The general public will have one last time to speak on the issue during a public meeting at 5:15 p.m. at the

Big Spring High School boardroom, 707 11th Place. The vote will immediately follow the public forum.

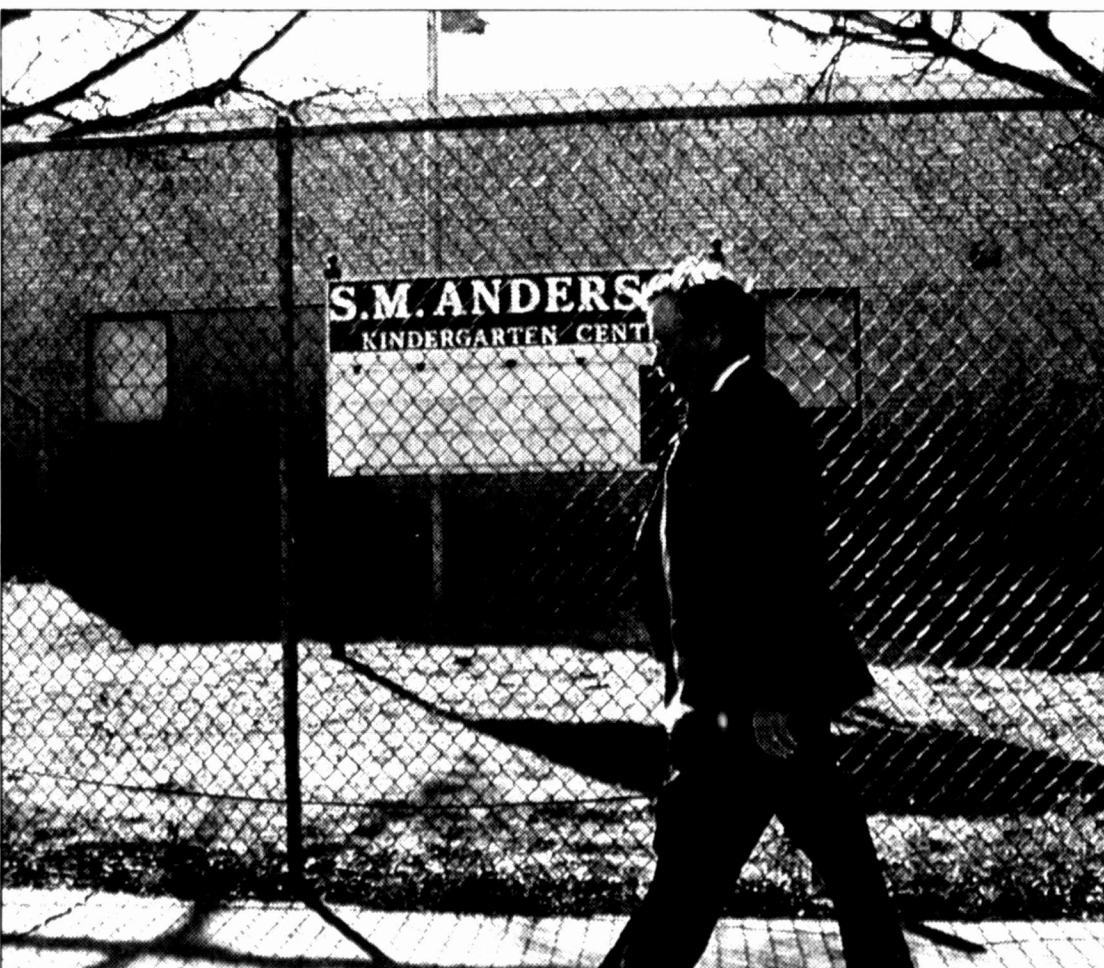
"The board has again given the public an opportunity to voice their thoughts," Murphy said. "We are ready to put this issue behind us and start working on realigning the school zones for the 2002-2003 school year."

Facing financial constraints because of limit revenues and declining students, district administrators have proposed to close Anderson Kindergarten and send kindergartners back to neighborhood elementaries.

The plan also calls to convert Goliad Elementary into a district fifth- and sixth-grade center. Displaced Goliad grades one through four will move to neighboring schools, including Marcy, Kentwood and



MURPHY



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

S.M. Anderson Kindergarten Center principal Steve Waggoner walks in front of the school. Anderson is being considered for closure at tonight's 5:15 Big Spring Independent School District trustees meeting. Waggoner is expected to be transferred to another campus if the proposed closure and school zone realignments are approved. Parents and community residents will have one last chance to voice their opinions on the subject at the public forum scheduled before the vote.

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OBITUARIES

Athelda Lou Watts

Athelda Lou Watts, a retired elementary school teacher, passed away Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at a local nursing center.



Graveside service will be 1 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Brown, Owens & Brumley Funeral Home.

Athelda Watts was born May 24, 1913, in Nugent, near Abilene. She taught first grade students in Borger, Abilene and Big Spring. She lived in Fort Worth following her retirement from teaching and became a watercolor artist.

Survivors include her son, Joe Giddens of Bearden Ark.; daughters, Nancy L. Berger of Fort Worth and Betty H. Bell of Dallas; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown, Owens & Brumley Funeral Home.

Carmen Gonzales

Funeral service for Carmen Gonzales, 54, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Gonzales died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at his home.

Nancy Wolcott

Funeral service for Nancy Wolcott, 73, of Big Spring is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Wolcott died Thursday at a local nursing home.

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Washington elementaries. Finally, the administrators recommend moving rural students from Washington to Bauer Magnet School or Marcy depending on which part of town the student resides.

Murphy has said that no other students will be

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Georgia Fields, 92, died Monday. Services were 10:00 AM, Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.  
Rene Valdez, Sr., 75, died Sunday. Funeral services were 2:00 PM, Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.  
Carmen Gonzales, 54, died Wednesday. Services are pending.  
Nancy Wolcott, 73, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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moved from the current school they are attending and current transfer students will continue to attend the same school next year as well as their siblings.

Maximizing the district's under-used facilities is part of a plan by the administration to cut about a million dollars from next year's budget. Part of that plan will be cuts in personnel taken care of through attrition, Murphy has said.

The student population has continued to shrink during the last 10 years with most of the loss attributed in the elementary grades. Loss of students means a loss of state funding from the district's average daily attendance.

The district is also at its state cap of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation for its maintenance and operation tax.

In other business, trustees will hear a presentation from Sandra Waggoner, BSISD business manager, about the increase of property insurance up for renewal.

REBATES

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spring from an economic development tax approved by voters last year, received \$2,067,420.33 this month, up 4.43 percent compared to the \$1,979,649.21 taken in during February of 2001. For the year, Midland has received \$3,298,140.20, up 4.59 percent.

Rebates were up for Monahans. The city received \$88,205.36, up 4.66 percent compared to the \$84,270.84 taken in a year ago. Monahans has received \$171,463.65, up 15.83 percent.

February's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$967,642.32, up 0.85 percent when compared to \$959,444.50 taken in a year ago.

Rebates were up for Pecos. The community received \$89,763.48 compared to \$80,321.71 for February of 2001 — an increase of 11.75 percent. For the year, Pecos has received \$145,250.82, up 6.57 percent.

San Angelo saw rebates go up 5.74 percent, comparing the \$1,728,746.03 taken in this month to the \$1,634,797.50 received in February of 2001. So far this year, San Angelo has received \$2,733,187.49, up 7.45 percent.

Snyder received \$159,896.36 this month, up 4.01 percent when compared to the \$153,720.31 it received a year earlier. For the year, the Scurry County seat has received \$271,668.03, up 6.38 percent.

Stanton received \$14,897.03 this month, down 1.28 percent compared to the \$15,090.58 it received in February a year ago. For the year, Stanton has received \$22,600.61, up 2.23 percent.

Rebates were down 5.03 percent in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$217,521.20 to \$229,057.28 taken in a year ago. For the year, the Nolan county seat has received \$345,447.53, down 1.26 percent.

SUSPECT

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police were especially worried for Mrs. Ornelas because of several ominous telephone calls made by her kidnapper.

"I don't know whether he ever actually came out and said, 'I am going to kill her,'" Sweat said. "But it was something along the lines of 'You're never going to hear from us again,' or 'You're going to read about us in the newspaper.' So people took that to be a pretty good threat, which I would, too."

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Report says infants' multiple vaccines not harmful to the immune system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Institute of Medicine says getting up to 20 vaccinations by the age of 2 does not increase a child's risk of developing diabetes or various infections.

However, there is not enough evidence yet to decide if multiple shots increase the risk of developing asthma, the panel of independent scientists concluded.

The report issued Wednesday should reassure parents that "there's not a lot of support for those risks" critics often cite, said the panel chairwoman, Dr. Marie McCormick of the Harvard School of Public Health. But "the diseases that their children are being protected against are very real."

The report is one of a series on the health effects of immunization, compiled by an institute-appointed committee of medical specialists who have no financial or advisory connections with vaccine manufacturers. The Institute of Medicine is an independent organization that does research at the request of the government.

Recent surveys suggest about 25 percent of parents worry that infants get so many vaccines that the shots could overwhelm their immature immune systems and cause infections or immune-related disorders such as Type 1 diabetes.

In 1980, babies were immunized against four diseases. Today, by age 2 most children have had up to 20 shots to protect against 11 diseases.

But babies actually are exposed to fewer antigens — foreign substances that trigger an immune response — now than in previous decades, the institute said. For example, pertussis vaccine given in the 1980s contained about 3,000 potential antigens, while a safer version introduced in the '90s has about five. Today's hepatitis B vaccine has only one antigen; small-pox shots given until 1971 had 200.

In fact, research suggests the capacity of the infant immune system is at least 1,000 times greater than what is required to respond to immunization.

"It really is fully competent. It has to be — you're dealing with all sorts of bugs" from birth, McCormick said.

Also, numerous studies show multiple shots do not increase the incidence of Type 1 diabetes or such infections as colds, ear infections, pneumonia or meningitis, the panel concluded.

However, some studies suggest certain vaccines might increase the risk of allergic disorders such as asthma, while others find no link. So the panel concluded there is insufficient evidence to decide if asthma could be linked to multiple shots.

Still, many other factors play a role in who gets asthma, so the conflicting studies, suggest that even if the shot risk is real, it's not large, McCormick said. Thus, "on balance, we would recommend immunization."

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

But parents need more clear, scientific information about vaccine risks and benefits, the panel said, urging the government to form a task force to ensure that happens.

There already is such a group, but health officials will consider whether it needs improvement, said Health and Human Services spokesman Bill Hall.

BRIEFS

VFW POST 2013 WILL be having a chili supper March 2, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Post, 500 Driver Road.

There will be chili and all the fixings at \$5 per plate with dessert and drinks included. For more information call 267-5290.

THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER of Commerce is asking your help in rounding up photos taken during the days of the Big Spring Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base.

These will be on display the weekend of Oct. 12 when the first Webb Air Force Base Reunion takes place.

People from several are expected to attend.

If you have photos, please bring them by the chamber. They will be copied and returned to you.

THERE WILL BE AN opportunity to meet Bob Craig, Republican candidate for State Board of Education at the Big Spring High School boardroom, 707 E. 11 Place, beginning at 1 p.m. Friday.

A CANCER BENEFIT WILL be held for 31-year-old Tammy Huitt, mother of three children under the age of 10. She has recently been diagnosed with lymphoma. The benefit will be co-hosted by Big Spring and Sterling City Eagles Lodges at the Big Spring lodge, 703 West Third Street on Feb. 23.

Brisket, chicken, sausage, and all the fixings will be \$5 a plate for adults and \$3 for children under 6 and will be served at 12 p.m. Carry out will be available. Call 263-6862 for more information.

New Company, a 50s rock and country/western band, will provide entertainment, an auction will begin at 1:30 p.m. and a bake sale will start at 11 a.m.

Donations may be made at Government Federal Credit Union to the Tammy Huitt leukemia fund.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

• OSCAR LOPEZ, 26, of 307 San Jacinto was arrested on a charge of failure to

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identify.  
• MARY RAMOS, 18, of 1408 Robin was arrested on local warrants.

• CAROLINE CUELLAR, 33, of Las Vegas was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 4100 block of Muir.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 900 block of South Goliad.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of South Gregg and the 1100 block of South Gregg.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 100 block of East 23rd Street

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of Donley. About \$75 damage was reported in the area.

• THEFT was reported: - In the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. A purse or wallet worth \$45 was reported stolen.

- In the 1800 block of Scurry. Items worth \$2,500 were reported stolen.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: 1

• ASSAULT: 6

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING: 1

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 4

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 4

• CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: 3

• HARRASSMENT: 1

• POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: 1

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA: 6

• THEFT: 15

- Convenience Stores: 12

- Gasoline drive-offs: 12

• UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 1

• INCIDENTS: 11

• ARRESTS: 8

• ACCIDENTS: 9

- Major: 2

- Minor: 7

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 72  
Wednesday's low 37  
Record high 90 in 1996  
Record low 14 in 1953

Average high 60  
Average low 33  
Precip. Wednesday 0.00  
Month to date 1.42  
Year to date 1.42

Sunrise Friday 7:22 a.m.  
Sunset Friday 8:37 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity

5:49 a.m. — 100 block of Rex, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:42 a.m. — 900 block of S. Bell, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

11:10 a.m. — 1700 block of Scurry, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:44 p.m. — 1200 block of Douglas, medical call, service refused.

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Compaq	10.48 -17
Cornell	12.66 -09
Dell	24.44 -8
Du Pont	46.95 +62
Exxon Mobil	39.38 +39
Halliburton	15.97 +27
IFCO Systems	.73 +17
IBM	98.72 -59
Intel Corp	30.08 -1.36
NUV	9.53 +02
Patterson Ener	22.08 +64
Pepsico Inc	49.51 -41
Phillips Petro	56.8 -69
SBC Comm	36.79 -26
Sears Roebuck	53.55 +55
TXU Corp	50.24 +24
Texas Instrument	29 -99
Total Fina	71.09 +35
Unocal Corp	35.4 +78
Wal-Mart	60.56 +54
Wal-Mart/Mexico	28.26-28.9
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Europacific	25.5 -04
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WASHINGTON Undaunted in Congress campaign function are read over restrictive are unconstitutional on free

Proponents confident that in what is a long, hard-fought legislative process expedited Supreme Court

Both sides court cases quarter century the fine line election special and First rights.

The House sweeping bill stop the flow millions of dollars of soft national political unions, cor

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The companies customers a after inquiry Associated Press says it has the data collection Player, which with the Windows system said last month more than 10 of Windows

"If you're you don't want to give word," said

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LIVINGSTON black man prosecutors kept blacks his murder trial been granted cution by the Court.

Justice granted Wednesday Miller-Ell, will be used by Court to claim a fraction in the jury.

Miller-Ell, been scheduled injection to victed in the slaying of a

Charcoa kills four hurts two homicid

PICO RIVE — Odorous fumes from grill killed four critically in ters as they investigator murder-suicide their father.

Los Angeles iff's Deputy said he believed Garcia, 30, placed it Wednesday dren and try He was in at Presbytery munity Whittier.

Authorities used the grill used to warn miles south Angeles. But tion of the working he investigator Garcia.

"We're involved as a homicide Don Bear said — The four C who died were Jonathan, 6, Anthony, 2.

The survivors were taken to Medical Center old was in critical and the 9-year expected to Deputy Da said.

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### Opponents to contest campaign finance bill in court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Undaunted by their losses in Congress, opponents of campaign finance legislation are ready to go to court over restrictions they say are unconstitutional limitations on free speech.

Proponents, likewise, are confident they will prevail in what is expected to be a long, hard-fought legal battle despite language in the legislation providing for an expedited review by the Supreme Court.

Both sides cite dozens of court cases over the past quarter century exploring the fine line between valid election spending controls and First Amendment rights.

The House passed a sweeping bill last week to stop the flow of hundreds of millions of dollars in unregulated soft money gifts to national political parties by unions, corporations and

individuals. It also would curtail late-campaign "attack ads" by prohibiting the use of soft money to pay for them.

The Senate passed a similar bill last April but supporters there still need 60 votes to overcome a possible filibuster and pass the slightly altered House bill. That won't be easy, but against the background of the Enron scandal, they believe they've got the momentum.

President Bush probably will sign the bill into law if it reaches his desk, his advisers say.

When he does, the bill's leading opponent, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and a broad coalition including the National Rifle Association, the National Right to Life Committee, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the American Civil Liberties Union promise a

quick court challenge.

The main target is the provision banning the use of soft money in the final 30 days before a primary election or 60 days before a general election to buy so-called issue ads on TV or radio that in reality endorse or attack a candidate. Opponents say this violates the First Amendment statement that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech.

"The whole question about issue advocacy is going to be front and center," said the ACLU's Laura Murphy. "It's a clear free speech issue."

James Bopp Jr., attorney for the James Madison Center for Free Speech, said it would effectively prevent business groups, unions and interest groups from expressing their opinions in the final days before an election.

"This is a draconian attack on the participation rights of citizens groups and their ability to lobby Congress," he said.

But Matt Keller of Common Cause, which would join the Brennan Center for Justice and other groups defending the bill in court, said "it's a mischaracterization to say that we are banning anything."

Their aim, he said, is to enforce existing election law requiring that electioneering be paid for with regulated, limited and fully disclosed money.

Keller said his side was confident the bill's narrowly tailored language would stand the constitutional test. Nonetheless, supporters of the legislation included a "severability" clause stating that the rest of the bill is unaffected if one part is struck down by the courts.

### Corpse recovery efforts expected to last at least eight months, cost millions

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — The operation to recover corpses and discarded remains from pits, sheds, metal vaults and even a shallow lake near a crematory could last at least eight months and cost several million dollars, officials said.

State emergency management officials were expected to brief Gov. Roy Barnes early Thursday so he can determine whether to ask for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"The cost is going to be staggering," said Gary McConnell, director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

McConnell estimated the state has spent \$5 million since efforts began Friday night to find corpses near the Tri-State Crematory, located about 20 miles south of Chatanooga, Tenn. The state said it now wants to lease land and set up temporary facilities because the operation likely will last eight months or longer.

Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson said a torso and a skull were found about 20 yards from the tiny lake located on the crematory grounds.

Tests for harmful bacteria in the lake came back negative, but plans to drain

the lake or send divers in are on hold investigators receive additional test results.

So far, authorities have discovered 242 bodies. Of those, 35 have been identified.

The number of corpses is expected to rise as authorities begin counting bodies from six newly opened vaults. State medical examiner Dr. Kris Sperry said the vaults could hold as many as 20 corpses each.

Crematory operator Ray Brent Marsh, 28, remained jailed on 16 counts of theft by deception for allegedly accepting payment for cremations he did not intend to perform.

More charges, including possible federal charges, are pending. A bond hearing has been postponed until Marsh has a lawyer, said district attorney Buzz Franklin.

Investigators subpoenaed natural gas records and planned to inspect the incinerator to determine the last time it had been used. They also turned their attention to possible employees of the crematory, although they had not found any personnel and tax records, Wilson said.

Sperry said heavy equipment, including a backhoe, has been found on the property.

### Microsoft music, movie player collects users' entertainment habits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft's new version of its popular Media Player software creates a list of the digital songs and movies each computer user has played — a potential treasure-trove for marketing companies, lawyers, even snooping spouses.

The company is notifying customers about the tactic after inquiries from The Associated Press. Microsoft says it has no plans to sell the data collected by Media Player, which comes free with the Windows XP operating system. The company said last month it had sold more than 17 million copies of Windows XP.

"If you're watching DVDs you don't want your wife to know about, you might not want to give her your password," said David Caulton,

Microsoft's lead program manager for Windows Media.

Downloading CD information such as the disc name and track list, is a common practice used by almost every computer CD player. But downloading DVD information is new, and has the potential to be sensitive especially in the case of racy or violent movies.

Microsoft's original privacy statement informed customers that they were downloading the information about CDs but never stated that the information was being stored in a log file on each computer.

The new statement makes clear that information is being downloaded for both DVDs and CDs, but does not explain how users can eliminate or get into the log file.

"It definitely could have been clearer and more specific about DVDs," Caulton said.

Clearing the list of songs and movie titles would cripple Media Player. Stopping the program from collecting any more information would mean changing the software's settings, but that would disable Internet broadcasts.

As part of downloading the information about songs and movies from the Web site, the program also transmits an identifier number unique to each user on the computer. That creates the possibility that user habits could be tracked and sold.

Privacy experts said they feared the log file could be used by investigators, divorce lawyers, snooping family members, marketing

companies or others interested in learning about a person's entertainment habits.

Microsoft said the program creates the log file so a user does not have to download the same information over again. The company said the ID number was created simply to allow Media Players users to have a personal account on the Web site dealing with the software, and is not used in the chapter information download process.

### U.S. Supreme Court delays execution of Texas man

LIVINGSTON (AP) — A black man who contends prosecutors deliberately kept blacks off the jury at his murder trial in 1986 has been granted a stay of execution by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Antonin Scalia granted the reprieve Wednesday for Thomas Miller-El, whose case could be used by the Supreme Court to clarify rules for claiming racial discrimination in the selection of a jury.

Miller-El, 50, who had been scheduled to die by injection today, was convicted in the 1985 robbery-slaying of a desk clerk at a

hotel near the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

During jury selection, prosecutors used peremptory challenges, which allow lawyers to dismiss prospective jurors without explanation, to reject 10 of 11 blacks.

The jury ultimately consisted of nine whites, one Filipino, one Hispanic and one black.

Miller-El's lawyer argued there was a long-standing discriminatory policy among Dallas County prosecutors.

Texas authorities denied there was any discrimination and said much of the historical data was out of

date or irrelevant.

The high court said Friday it would hear Miller-El's appeal but did not halt the execution.

It was up to the state to stop it on its own or for Miller-El's lawyers to ask the Supreme Court to do so separately.

His lawyers filed such a request Tuesday.

Miller-El had described today's execution date as "beyond serious, somewhat certain."

"After having 10 execution dates, I've learned to not really be optimistic until something occurs to cause me to be sincerely optimistic," he said.

### Charcoal grill fire kills four kids, hurts two; father homicide suspect

PICO RIVERA, Calif. (AP) — Odorless carbon monoxide fumes from a charcoal grill killed four siblings and critically injured two sisters as they slept in what investigators believe was a murder-suicide attempt by their father.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Rick Varela said he believed that Adair Garcia, 30, lit the grill and placed it in the house Wednesday to kill his children and try to kill himself. He was in stable condition at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier.

Authorities initially believed the grill may have been used to warm the house, 10 miles southeast of Los Angeles. But an examination of the scene showed working heaters, leading investigators to suspect Garcia.

"We're investigating this as a homicide," sheriff's Lt. Don Bear said.

The four Garcia children who died were Brenda, 10, Jonathan, 6, Cecelia, 4, and Anthony, 2.

The surviving sisters were taken to UCLA Medical Center. The 6-year-old was in critical condition and the 9-year-old was not expected to live, sheriff's Deputy David Cervantes said.

Garcia was not immediately arrested because of his medical condition.

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## OUR VIEWS

## We're thrilled to be hosting region tourney

An invasion of sorts is in the offing this weekend when basketball fans will flock to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the Region I, Class 4A girls' basketball tournament.

Chances are, the tournament will draw the same kind of crowds they did last year, the likes of which most of us in Big Spring had ever experienced.

With No. 1-ranked and defending state champion Plainview's Lady Bulldogs and No. 2-ranked and 2001 state champion Canyon's Lady Eagles joining Southlake Carroll's Lady Dragons and Fort Worth's O.D. Wyatt Lady Chaparrals contending for the regional championship, chances are even the spacious confines of "The Dorothy" will be more filled than they were a year ago.

That means motel rooms will be filling up starting tonight and local restaurants, stores and service stations will do more business than normal this weekend.

In fact, we'll all have an opportunity to put our best foot forward for a great many visitors who otherwise would be unlikely to visit Big Spring.

Howard College officials are to be congratulated for securing the event, as well as the Region I, Class 4A boys' tournament that will follow it next weekend.

Tickets for each day of the tournament are priced at \$5 each and one admission is good for both Friday night semifinal games — the 6 p.m. opener pitting Plainview and Southlake Carroll, as well as the 8 p.m. game between Canyon and Wyatt.

Those who plan to attend should get to the coliseum early. Then get ready for the absolute best high school basketball West Texas, and possibly the entire state, has to offer.

We'll see you there.

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## Lies and falsehoods live forever

One of the unforeseen consequences of the communications revolution is that it has added seemingly eternal life to lies and falsehoods.

Here's one example: In the silly flap over remarks by Ted Turner to the effect that the Sept. 11 terrorists were brave, if a little bit crazy, once again the TV talking heads are saying that none of the men on the planes except the pilot knew it was to be a suicide mission. Even the president keeps repeating this.

It is simply not true. What is the evidence? The official transcript of the famous Osama bin Laden tape. How people can misinterpret such plain English is beyond me, yet many cite that very passage to prove the lie that the terrorists didn't know they were going to die.

But what does bin Laden say, according to our own government? He says they recruited some young men

for a martyrdom mission. Now I know Americans have been dumbed down, but "martyrdom mission" is a suicide mission. So right off the bat, bin Laden says these young men knew they were going to die. Then he says the details of the operation were kept from them until just before they boarded the planes. In other words, before they got on the planes, they were told exactly what was going to happen.

The details of the operation were kept from them until the last minute to avoid any leaks. The purpose was to fool us, not the young men. And bin Laden was laughing at how successful they had been in fooling us, not at the young men, as some airheads have claimed.

There is something psychologically wacky about people who refuse to recognize the virtues of their enemies. If you don't think it takes courage to fly a plane into a building, I suggest you try it. One dumb caller to a talk show actually said: "Of course they were cowards. What could a building do?" Well, just what those buildings did — kill every damned and undamned soul on those

planes.

Another ploy is to claim that no one can be brave who kills noncombatants ("innocent men, women and children" is the favorite phrase). Be careful about this one. American pilots since 1941 have killed more innocent civilians than all the terrorists in the history of the world combined. Are they cowards? Of course not. In fact, it might require more courage to kill civilians than to kill people who are shooting at you because of the heavier psychological and moral burden.

Not only were the terrorists brave, they were smart enough and disciplined enough to plan and pull off the operation right under the noses of the CIA, the FBI, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency and all the rest of our so-called intelligence community. Not one of them had a clue.

But to recognize the virtue of an enemy is not to approve of him or what he does. You have to be pretty simpleminded not to grasp that, but as Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States told MSNBC's Chris Matthews, the trouble with most of the

American journalists is they are "ignorant and shallow."

Unfortunately, the electronic databases store and spread lies and falsehoods with the same blinding speed they store and spread the truth. We are literally bombarded with millions of messages over a lifetime, by far most of it pure baloney or sales pitches.

I can tell younger generations that during the dark days of World War II, nobody but an ignoramus said that the Germans and Japanese didn't know how to fight. We were suffering the consequences of their abilities every day. Nor did anyone call them cowards. We knew better.

The problem I have with this war on terrorism is that it seems to be about 60 percent propaganda, and 30 percent overblown rhetoric, and all of it is conducted in an atmosphere of simple-minded hysteria. War is serious, and it ought to be seriously discussed, seriously thought about.

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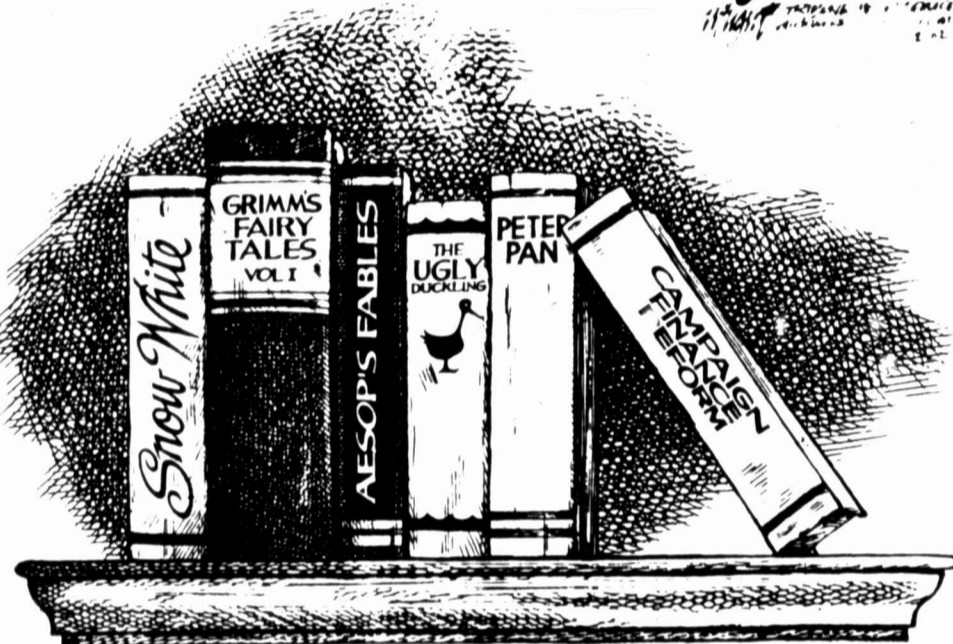
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## Drawbacks in targeting Saddam

By **GEORGE GEDDA**  
Guest Columnist

It's called "regime change" — the administration's deceptively polite term for deposing Saddam Hussein.

Among options being discussed are support for a local insurgency, fostering a coup by the Iraqi leader's closest lieutenants and an outright U.S.-led invasion.

Much less is heard about what could be the swiftest avenue to the post-Saddam era: taking him out with a well-placed military strike.

Anthony Cordesman, a military analyst for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, notes that the killing Saddam is the "the ideal minimalist solution" if a way were found to track him and there were high assurances of success.

But when it comes to blowing away foreign enemies, the U.S. record is poor.

During the U.S.-led Gulf War 11 years ago, there were repeated, unsuccessful efforts to kill Saddam. Laurie Mylroie, an Iraq analyst and regime change supporter, recalls that U.S. "deep penetration" bombs were used against suspected underground hideouts but Saddam proved too elusive.

Having learned from that experience, Saddam probably has refined his detection-avoidance capabilities, says Mylroie.

Saddam is not the first

foreign leader to survive being in America's cross hairs.

A 1975 Senate committee report uncovered eight failed U.S. attempts on the life of Cuban President Fidel Castro over the years. (Castro has said the figure was much higher.)

There also was an unacknowledged attempt to kill Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi in April 1986 after U.S. officials linked his government to a terrorist incident in Germany that left two U.S. soldiers dead.

Richard Murphy, who then headed the State Department's Middle East bureau, said there was never any discussion of going after Gadhafi personally, but that the target selection included Gadhafi's compound. The Libyan leader was unharmed but an adopted infant daughter was killed.

In theory, assassination attempts are a violation of an executive order signed by President Reagan in 1981. "No person employed by or acting on behalf of the United States government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination," the order states.

The directive does not seem to have been a deterrent, as demonstrated by the attempts on Gadhafi and Saddam and by the cruise missile attacks President Clinton ordered in 1998 against supposed terrorist camps operated by Osama bin Laden.

Former CIA Director Robert Gates has said Reagan's executive order should not be interpreted too literally.

"I make a distinction between military operations and the CIA going out and targeting someone for assassination. In military operations, people usually get killed," Gates says.

As for Saddam and his perceived "axis of evil" regime, Mylroie says if President Bush sees the executive order as an impediment, he could simply revoke it.

Cordesman believes there are formidable reasons for not going after Saddam personally. If the operation is successful, it might not make much difference if Saddam is succeeded by his like-minded sons.

Also, he says, there should be a moral constraint on the United States, a victim of international terrorism, in the way it acts against perpetrators of terrorism.

The downside of an attack on Saddam is that it "may convince people that you have just committed an act of terrorism," he says.

The notion of eliminating Saddam in a single stroke may look nice on the surface, he says, adding that "it is far from clear that the people who are advocating that have thought out the consequences."

George Gedda has covered foreign affairs for The Associated Press since 1968.



## Family repair

For the most part, we only notice walls when there's something wrong—a crack, hole, or an ugly stain. When that happens, walls shout, "Fix Me!" Fortunately, wall repair is simple and straightforward.

Repairing large holes can be a bit more complex, but still can be done. Tools You Need: putty knife, wallboard ruler or yardstick, taping square, wall screw gun, old paintbrush.

Materials — spackle compound (mud), sandpaper or sanding sponge, patch, wallboard, wall joint tape, wall paper.

Questions you ask yourself — 1. What type of wall do I need to repair — wall plaster? Is your wall (less than 2" in thickness) or large? Which do I need to use the wallboard?

Repairing Popcorn on Dry Wall

The heads of nails to fasten plaster studs often pop out, is caused by moisture changes in the wall, which squeeze it out.

To remedy popcorn heads, first drive nails about 2" below the popcorn head.

Drive the nails in the popped area. A dimple shows the head. Be sure to hold the plaster to the stud.

Dust off all loose plaster and dimple with putty knife using a wide blade. Let dry and shrink re-apply plaster.

When the patch is completely dry, sand with sandpaper and patching compound.

Patching Small Wallboard

Inspect the damage to see if there are cracks around the hole.

If there are no cracks, just fill the hole with spackling compound. Let dry. Then sand it smooth.

If the edges are uneven, you will need to peel-and-stick repair patch, which has mesh center for repair the hole to fit the area repair.

Cover the patch with spackling compound. Let the patched area dry.

## Government flu shots

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Before making a decision, the panel said new evidence shows 6- to 23-month-olds are at increased risk of related hospitalizations.

Beginning next year, the advisory panel also encourages lower risk for 6- to 23-month-olds.

## Family focus: Sheetrock repair made easy

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KATIE WALKER

Repairing large holes can be a bit more complex, but still can be done. Tools You Need — putty knife, wallboard knife, ruler or yard stick, framing square, wallboard screw gun, old cloth or paint brush.

Materials — spackling compound (mud), sandpaper or sanding sponge, peel and stick repair patch, wallboard screws, wallboard, wallboard or joint tape, wallboard nails.

Questions you should ask yourself — Determine what type of wall you need to repair — wallboard or plaster? Is your hole small (less than 2" in diameter) or large? Which method do I need to use to repair the wallboard?

Repairing Popping Nails on Dry Wall

The heads of nails used to fasten plasterboard to studs often pop out. This is caused by moisture changes in the studs which squeeze the nail out.

To remedy popped nail heads, first drive additional nails about 2" above and below the popped nail head.

Drive the nails, including the popped nail, until a dimple shows around the head. Be sure that you hold the plasterboard tight to the stud.

Dust off all loose paint and plaster and fill the dimple with patching plaster using a wide putty knife. Let dry and if patch shrinks re-apply patching plaster.

When the patch is completely dry, sand with fine sandpaper and paint.

Patching Small Holes in Wallboard

Inspect the damaged area to see if there are any cracks around the edge of the hole.

If there are no cracks, just fill the hole with spackling compound and let dry. Then sand it until it is smooth.

If the edges are cracked, you will need to use a peel-and-stick repair patch, which has a metal mesh center for strength, to repair the hole. Just cut the shape of the patch to fit the area needing repair.

Cover the patch with spackling compound or wallboard compound and let the patched area dry.

Smooth the repaired area using a damp sponge to eliminate the dust normally caused by dry sanding.

Apply additional coats of compound if necessary and then smooth the entire area using a wide blade wallboard knife.

Patching a Large Hole in Wallboard

Outline the damaged area with a framing or carpenter's square. Then use a wallboard knife, or utility knife to cut away the damaged section of wallboard (watch for wiring in the wall).

Cut wallboard backer strips from 3/4 inch plywood or furring strips to a length and width greater than the area you want to patch.

Then install them using a wallboard screw gun and 1 1/4 inch wallboard screws to secure the strip in position.

Measure the repair and then cut a piece of wallboard to size and affix it by screwing it to the backer strips.

Apply adhesive-backed fiberglass wallboard tape to cracks, then apply a thin coat of wallboard compound to the joints.

Finish by sanding the area and applying additional coats of compound if necessary, until you have a smooth finish.

When repairing holes that are no bigger than 3 inch or 4 inch, you can make a patch from wallboard without using backer strips.

Just cut the patch from the backside of the wallboard to fit your repair area. Take care not to cut all the way through the facing paper.

Repairing Hole in Plaster Walls

Remove any loose plaster. With a knife, scrape out plaster from the back edges of the crack until the back of the crack is wider than the front surface.

Thoroughly dampen the surface of the crack with wet cloth or paint brush. Small holes can be filled with the patching compound.

Smooth the surface with a putty knife. After the patch had dried, sand it.

Large holes or cracks in plaster should be filled step-by-step. Partly fill the hole. Let the patch dry.

This gives a base for the final fill. Add a second batch of compound. Let it dry. Sand until smooth.

Some large holes may need to be filled with some newspaper before starting the patching.

If walls have a textured surface, make the patch match while the patching compound is still wet by using a sponge or comb to do the texturing.

Katie Walker writes a regular column for the Herald.

## Government panel encourages flu shots for young children

ATLANTA (AP) — A government advisory panel decided Wednesday to encourage flu shots for children ages 6 months to 23 months — a group not previously on the recommended list for the vaccine.

The government currently recommends the vaccine only for the elderly, the chronically ill and pregnant women, although it is available to others who want it.

But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's immunization panel said new research shows 6- to 23-month-olds are at increased risk for flu-related hospitalizations.

Before making a full-fledged recommendation to doctors that the children get annual vaccines, the panel wants to study the possible impact on providers and parents, said the CDC's Dr. Keiji Fukuda.

Beginning next flu season, the advisory panel will also encourage people at lower risk for flu to wait

until November to get shots. October shots should be reserved for people at high risk, the panel said.

The panel said it expects 88 million to 93 million doses of flu vaccine to be available for the 2002-03 flu season, up from 87 million this year. The vaccine has been delayed for the past two flu seasons because of manufacturing delays.

Flu kills up to 20,000 Americans each year.

Reader's Corner is printed the third Thursday of the month as space allows. Submissions should be turned in to the Herald by the Friday before it appears.

## READER'S CORNER

A reception is planned to celebrate the 90th birthday J.B. Buckner, Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the parlor of Oak Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Buckner is a long-time resident of Sand Springs and is retired from the old Col-Tex refinery and Cosden Refinery.

All friends and family are welcome. No gifts please, just memories to share.

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There is good and bad in all  
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If with all the wisdom of the ages,  
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The 'over-do' and 'under'...  
Good and bad are ever there.

For man to choose and ponder!  
Martha Anderson Peugh

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When life's about to get you down  
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Summer sky on a stormy day,  
Looking as if it were ablaze.

A painter's hand could not do this.  
Only God could create such bliss.

Blue, yellow, orange and gray.

A peaceful end to a long hot day.  
Sandra Kay Holliman-Halford

**A Man**  
Here was a man — tall... lean... strong.  
He walked proudly into the life of this woman.

Making all she thought was right seem wrong.  
His presence brought her lucidity... reason... freedom.

Here is the man — strong, clean, proud, wise and fearless.

He rescues her with an offer of love that is tearless.

Here is that man — now older, still strong and beautiful.

With that woman on his arm, at his feet, by his side.

For a son and their life she is grateful...  
Always  
Stephanie Taggart

## Medical marijuana exhibit on display at science fair

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — A shy seventh-grader's hotly disputed medical marijuana science project, dubbed "Mary Jane for Pain," was exhibited at a science fair, but without the pot-laced products that officials refused to allow.

Something else was conspicuously absent at the science fair — the student. Relatives said she was so embarrassed by the media attention about the pot project that she stayed home.

The project originally featured literature about medical marijuana alongside fake pot-laced muffins and real marijuana-infused rub-

bing alcohol. The student had spent three months researching the benefits of marijuana for AIDS and cancer patients.

School officials decided that the entry met science fair guidelines if the pot products weren't included.

The watered-down version of the project — newspaper clippings of pot club busts fixed to black cardboard — failed to place among the finalists at the science fair.

"Even though she didn't win and she didn't place, she learned more out of this project than all the kids at that science fair combined," said the girl's aunt, Jackie

Fitzhenry.

Fitzhenry works at a non-profit organization that dispenses marijuana muffins and other cannabis-laced products to people suffering from terminal illnesses.

When the girl brought her display to Mission Hill Junior High School for approval last week, school administrators sent the pot props back to the girl's home. The officials later said her project could be shown if the marijuana products were left out.

"She had some good questions," said Mission Hill Principal Cathy Stefanki-Iglesias. "The value is in

what the student learned from the scientific process."

The girl has refused to be interviewed about her project and asked that her name not be released. Her father, Joe Morris, agreed that the experience had been a valuable one for his family.

"She came up with a hypothesis and a conclusion and, you know what? We learned something," Morris said. "Medical marijuana isn't a bunch of people sitting around taking payments from the government to smoke marijuana."

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**CENTRAL**

**BROWNWOOD:** Water degrees; 4 below spill bass to 4 pounds a spinnerbait along the 2-10 feet. Striped bass to 2.5 pounds on minnows and silve 15-30 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows feet. Channel and blue 4.5 pounds are fair and Canadian nightcra 35 feet. Yellow crappies are fair on shad in 20-35 feet.

**BUCHANAN:** Water degrees; 10.15-39; are good on Texas R Titanium spinnerbaits on 4" SlidingWeight Cr 1/4 oz. crawfish Rat-L channel breaklines on 10 feet. Striped bass live bait and trolling 1/ jigs from Flag Island Point, with some limit activity on Red Fins. are good vertically jigged Pink Minnows and 2" Shads in creek channel No. 3 Terminator In-L baits and Lit'l Fishies water. Crappie are slow. No red head and blue catfish.

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**SWEETWATER:** Water stained; 51 degree; Black bass are slow. fair on minnows and bass are fair on minn are fair on trotlines minnows.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water degrees; 20 low; Blac slow. Crappie are fair pie house on jigs a Walleye are fair. Catf trotlines baited with minnows.

### IN BRIEF

#### Bulldogs' playoff game now set

Coahoma's Bulldogs, the champions of District 3-2A, will take on Eldorado's Eagles in an area playoff showdown at 8 p.m. Friday in Angelo State University's Junell Center in San Angelo. The Bulldogs bring a 16-8 record into the playoffs, while the Eagles are 21-12 after beating Tornillo in a bi-district game on Monday in Fort Stockton. Eldorado was the runner-up in District 2-2A. Ticket prices for Friday's game will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

#### Region I, Class 4A girls' field now set

The Region I, Class 4A Girls' Basketball Tournament will have a somewhat familiar feel this weekend with three of the teams from last year's tournament returning. Defending region and state champion Plainview, the state's No. 1-ranked team, will play Southlake Carroll's Lady Dragons at 6 p.m. Friday in the tournament's first game. That game will be followed by a rematch of last year's second semifinal, as No. 2-ranked Canyon's Lady Eagles square off against Fort Worth Wyatt's Lady Chaparrals at 8 p.m. The regional championship game will get under way at 2 p.m. Saturday.

#### Area boys' game set at BSJHS gymnasium

A Class 2A area boys' basketball game pitting Reagan County's Owls and Idalou's Wildcats has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium. Ticket prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

**Coahoma LL slates registration, draft**

Registration for boys interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team are set from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Community Center. Youngsters may also sign up from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, during the draft. Fees will be \$25 per child in Pee-Wee, Minors and Major Leagues, while the Pony League fee is \$65. Parents should bring a copy of each child's birth certificate for proof of age.

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

**JUCO BASKETBALL Women**  
5:35 p.m. — Howard College Lady Hawks at Frank Phillips Lady Plinemen, KBST-AM 1490.  
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#### Television

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL Men**  
6 p.m. — Minnesota at Michigan State, ESPN.  
6:30 p.m. — Syracuse at Seton Hall, ESPN2.  
8 p.m. — Duke at Wake Forest, ESPN.  
**NBA**  
8 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at San Antonio Spurs, TNT.  
**OLYMPICS**  
7 p.m. — Figure skating, women's long program; Women's hockey, gold medal game, U.S. vs. Canada, NBC.

## NCAA selection committee facing new challenges

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The bracket sheet for the NCAA men's basketball tournament won't look any different. The selection committee, however, has a chance to make the opening-round matchups quite different. When the 10-member committee meets next month in Indianapolis to complete and seed the 65-team field, it will have new options in where teams play the first weekend. A rule change voted in this summer allows the committee to keep teams, regardless of seeding, closer to home the first two rounds. First-year chairman Lee Fowler, the athletic director at North

Carolina State, and the other members of the committee met in Indianapolis on Feb. 5-6 to run mock-ups of the tournament. He said Wednesday while the new format would be time-consuming for the committee, it would achieve the NCAA's goal of making more games accessible to players' families. "We did this to keep more people close to home," Fowler said during a conference call. "While we will try to keep the 1-5 seeds closer to home, it could also keep a lot of the 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 seeds closer to home, too. That's really what we wanted to do."

In an effort to reduce travel, the

NCAA will place schools in four-team brackets and can put each of those brackets in sites without regard to the regional groupings. Pittsburgh, for instance, could play host to four teams in the East Regional and four teams in the Midwest Regional. Those winners will advance to the natural regional sites the following weekend. The rule change came about after Maryland, Georgetown and George Mason — schools separated by about 30 miles — were placed in the same West regional bracket in Boise, Idaho, last year. "That may have been the straw that made us look at it," Fowler said. "But we had talked about it for

two, three summers in a row. We meet with committee alumni every summer, and there are guys who had brought that up. Last year brought it to a head a little bit." The changes won't affect the traditional bracket sheet. "It will look the same and we think it will take people only one time through it to get used to the changes," NCAA spokesman Jim Marchiony said. "We have been trying to fax and e-mail all kinds of information to the media so they can digest it. People will be surprised that it will look exactly the same, except a site will be listed for every four teams instead of every eight teams as it had in the past."

## Headed to state meet

### Big Spring swimmers and coach confident

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor  
For high school swimmers in Texas, there is no bigger stage than the University Interscholastic League State Swimming and Diving Championships. As is the case with all UIL state meets, the air gets a little thin. It's the best of the best. And this spring that's especially true, since the qualifying times for this weekend's Class 4A and Class 5A meets at the Texas Swimming Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus are the fastest ever.

That's not lost on the six boys and one girl from Big Spring High School who've earned spots in the Class 4A meet's field. In fact, it's exactly what they expected. "It's going to be an extremely fast field," said Steers junior Josh Pike as he prepared for a light workout session with his teammates Wednesday afternoon. "It was the same way at the regional meet. Everybody gets faster. Each year it gets harder and harder to get to Austin." Pike, who was a surprise winner in the boys' 200 freestyle at the Region I meet two weeks ago, enters preliminaries at 10:30 a.m. Friday with the 15th best qualifying time in that event with a 1:54.77. Tommy Sacco of Highland Park posted the best qualifying mark of 1:43.62 at the Region II meet. The same holds true for Lady Steers freshman Jessica Hughey, who dominated the Region I field two weeks ago in both the 200 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. However, both of her qualifying marks — a 2:26.97 in the 200 free and 1:06.79 — are the 15th best



Seven members of the Big Spring High School swim teams traveled to Austin this morning in preparation for this weekend's UIL Class 4A State Swimming and Diving Championships. Freshman Jessica Hughey, the only Lady Steers swimmer to qualify, poses with teammates, from left: Cody Clark, Mark Sheedy, Will Liggett, Michael Carrasco, Josh Pike and Justin Petrowski.

in those events going into the state meet. Cedar Park's Alison McLeod enters the 200 freestyle with the best time of 2:09.13, while Austin Johnson's Megan Flanagan tops the 100 backstroke field with a time of 58.83 seconds. "The qualifying times are almost unbelievable," Big Spring coach Harlan Smith said before putting his swimmers through a brief warm-up in the YMCA pool before leaving for Austin this morning. "To be honest, I can't tell whether our kids are excited, psyched or nervous," he added. "But we've been swimming very good times in our workouts this week." As a result, Smith expects his swimmers to compete well this weekend. "I really expect us to do well," he said. "All of the guys, with the exception of Justin (Petrowski, a relay alternate) went to state last year. They know what to expect. They're competitors and I think they'll do a great job this weekend." "Of course, this is something all new for Jessica,"

Smith added. "So she's obviously a little nervous and excited. But there's no question that she's a great competitor. This is going to be a great experience for her." Hughey believes her male teammates have helped her prepare for what she'll face this weekend. "I really look up to these guys and a compete against them in practice... that's a big help," she said before admitting that while she'd set her sights on reaching the state meet as a freshman, it wasn't something she was absolutely convinced she could do. "I wouldn't say that I expected to be here, but it was one of my goals," Hughey added, noting that she is just a little nervous about what lays ahead. "It's not intimidating, but it is a little strange — especially being an underdog. It's a little scary, but I'm confident I can go down there and compete with everybody. I just need to stay focused and do my best." Big Spring swimmers are also entered in two boys' relays. Pike will join class-

mate Michael Carrasco and sophomores Mark Sheedy and Will Liggett in the 400 freestyle relay, where the Steers' second-place clocking at the Region I meet of 3:30.25 is eighth-best in the field of 16 teams headed for Austin. Cedar Park's four-some has the best qualifying mark of 3:18.04. Liggett, Sheedy and Carrasco are also entered in the 200 medley relay along with senior Cody Clark. Their qualifying time of 1:48.59 is the 15th best in a field topped by Cedar Park's 1:40.31. Region I champion Pecos has the fifth best time at 1:44.91. Regardless of how the Big Spring contingent finishes this weekend, Pike believes he and his teammates have already enjoyed a great season. "I'm going down there hoping that we can medal in the 400 relay and set a school record, and that I can get the school record in the 200 freestyle," he explained. "But, no matter what happens this weekend, just getting to state has been a great accomplishment in itself."

## Another wild finish for Ohno caps memorable day for U.S.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Love wild finishes? Then take heart: Apolo Anton Ohno still has two events left. The 19-year-old American crossed the finish line second in short-track speedskating's 1,500 meters Wednesday night. But he won the gold when the skater ahead of him was disqualified for an illegal block, turning a victory lap by the perceived winner into a fit of anger. "I just did my best, and I shined like a star," said Ohno, who on Saturday got up from a crash and stuck a skate over the finish line to win silver in the 1,000. Ohno's performance capped a day of fabulous finishes and one that produced the most medals (five) and most golds (three) for Americans at a Winter Olympics. The U.S. medal count is up to 26, double the previous record. The team has nine golds, three more than ever. The collection is sure to grow Thursday with the U.S. women's hockey team in the finals against Canada. Also, three of the top four women's figure skaters going into the free skate finale are Americans. Jimmy Shea started the memo-

orable moments Wednesday by winning the skeleton in a ride he insisted was watched over by his late grandfather, an Olympic champion. Tristan Gale and Lea Ann Parsley followed by finishing 1-2 in the women's event and Jennifer Rodriguez added a bronze in women's speedskating. Foreigners also made their mark with unheralded Belarus stunning unbeaten Sweden in men's hockey, Norway's Ole Einar Bjoerndalen becoming only the third person to win four gold medals at a Winter Olympics and German speedskater Anni Friesinger winning the 1,500 meters in world-record time. **SHORT-TRACK SPEEDSKATING:** The six stitches in Ohno's thigh weren't a problem. South Korean Kim Dong-sung was. Ohno hung back for most of the 13 1/2-lap race, then darted to second with two laps to go. On the next-to-last turn, Ohno dipped inside Kim, the defending World Cup champion, but the South Korean moved into his path. Sensing a possible violation, Ohno threw up his arms and finished sec-

ond. Kim celebrated by carrying his flag around the ice, but referees announced he'd been tossed. Down went the flag. "This is far-fetched," said South Korean coach Jun Myung-kyu. "It doesn't make any sense. The level of the referee was not up to the level of what an Olympic referee should be." Li Jiajun of China won the silver and Marc Gagnon of Canada took the bronze. Asked about Kim, Ohno said: "He definitely came over on me. Good call." **SKELETON:** Jack Shea would've loved this. His son, Jim, was beside the starting line, smiling as he watched his son Jimmy plow headfirst down the bobsled chute in a skeleton sled and overcome a narrow deficit to catch the leader with a blazing finish. "I think his Gramp was there giving him that little extra push," said Jim Shea Sr., who competed in three cross-country events at the 1964 Innsbruck Games. The Sheas are America's first three-generation Olympic family and the second with two genera-

tions of gold winners. Jack, who won two speedskating events at the 1932 Lake Placid Games, died in a traffic accident last month at 91. Skeleton returned to the Olympics after a 54-year absence largely with Jimmy Shea's help, and a women's version was added for the first time. **HOCKEY:** The 22nd anniversary of the United States' miraculous hockey victory over Russia will be celebrated with another U.S.-Russia game. Once again, it will be an Olympics semifinal on American ice. The U.S. team beat Germany 5-0 and Russia beat the Czech Republic 1-0, avenging a loss in the 1998 gold medal game, to set up Friday's rematch of a pool-round game that ended in a 2-2 tie. On the other side of the bracket was an upset that ranks with the "Miracle on Ice" shocker in 1980. Belarus beat undefeated Sweden 4-3 in a quarterfinal on a 70-foot shot by Vladimir Kopat that bounced off goalie Tommy Salo's head and landed in the net with 2:24 remaining. "It is a miracle for us," winning goalie Andrei Mezin said.

**FISHING REPORT**

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 20. (Report also available on Web as [www.txfishing.com](http://www.txfishing.com).)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water clear; 42 degrees; 4 below spillway; Black bass to 4 pounds are slow on spinnerbaits along the shoreline in 2-10 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass to 2.5 pounds are fair on minnows and silver spoons in 15-30 feet. Crappie to 14 inches are slow on minnows in 4-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 4.5 pounds are fair on minnows and Canadian nightcrawlers in 25-35 feet. Yellow catfish to 20 pounds are fair on shad and perch in 20-35 feet.

**BUCHANAN:** Water clear; 55.6 degrees; 1015.39'; Black bass are good on Texas Red 1/4 oz. Titanium spinnerbaits, watermelon 4" SlidingWeight Craw Fish and 1/4 oz. crawfish Rat-L-Traps along channel breaklines and flats in 6-10 feet. Striped bass are good on live bait and trolling 1/2 oz. stripers jigs from Flag Island to Paradise Point, with some limited topwater activity on Red Fins. White bass are good vertically jigging 1/4 oz. Pink Minnows and 2" Lit'l Fishie Shads in creek channels, and on No. 3 Terminator In-Line spinnerbaits and Lit'l Fishies in shallow water. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. No report on flathead and blue catfish.

**PROCTOR:** Water murky; 52 degrees; 1157.10'; Black bass are slow on red shad plastic worms. Striped bass are fair on perch and worms. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad, perch and worms. Yellow catfish are slow on shad and perch on trotlines.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; 47 low; Black bass are good on Carolina-rigged watermelon seed worms. Striped bass are good on slabs and stripers jigs up the Rio Grande. White bass are good on slabs and stripers jigs up the Rio Grande under birds. Crappie are slow on live minnows up Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait in 70-90 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on trotlines on live bait.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water clear; 47 degrees; Black bass are fair on red spinnerbaits and jigs around brush. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water murky; 47 degrees; 8 low; Black bass are fair on minnows and crankbaits near the fishing pier and rocky points in 10 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows around the fishing pier and derrick. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair around Post Oak Creek on stinkbait.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 56 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. Fishing is reported to be generally slow due to a golden algae bloom.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 53 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on goldfish and minnows.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water murky; 49 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are good on crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps in 10 feet near points. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Striped bass are very slow. Catfish are fair on minnows and trotlines baited with shiners. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair on minnows. White bass and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad and minnows. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

**OAK CREEK:** Water stained; 48 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair around docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.

**OH. IVIE:** Water stained; 53 degrees; 19 low; Black bass to 13 pounds are fair on minnows and salamanders. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows in 20-30 feet. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs. Smallmouth bass are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water stained; 55 degree; 8.75 low; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

**SPENCE:** Water stained; 51 degrees; 7 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on minnows. Striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Fishing is slow due to a golden algae bloom.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 10 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. White and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 51 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows.



By BETTY DEBNAM

**The Buckeye State**

**Ohio From A to Z**



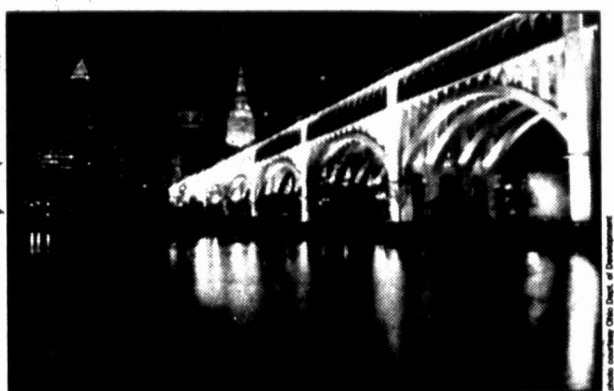
Ohio was home to Native Americans for thousands of years. Its name comes from the Iroquois and means "something great."

Many Revolutionary War veterans settled in the area. It became a state in 1803. It was one of the main stops on the Underground Railroad, offering safety to fleeing slaves.

Coal, oil, natural gas, sandstone and salt are plentiful in the east, in the Appalachian Plateau, a hilly area near the Appalachian Mountains.

The state is also a center for manufacturing, health care, finance, shipping and distribution of retail store goods.

Ohio's many large cities include Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Akron and Dayton. It is the seventh most populous state, with about 11 million people.



Cleveland lies at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River and on the shores of Lake Erie. Because it has easy access to the Great Lakes and the river, and because it is near large deposits of coal and iron, it is a major industrial city. It is also a major steel producer and shipping port.

There are more Amish in the state than anywhere else in the world, about 35,000. The Amish live as their ancestors did about 200 years ago, with few modern conveniences such as electricity.

More Astronauts, 23, have come from Ohio than from any other state, including Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, and John Glenn, the oldest person to go into space. Many space centers are in the state.

The Buckeye is the state tree, because during pioneer times, buckeyes covered the area.

Canton is the site of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Many pro sports teams, such as Cincinnati Reds baseball, are in Ohio.

The Cardinal is the state bird.

Columbus is the capital and largest city, with about 700,000 people, and a metropolitan area of about 2 million.

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**Gus Goodsport's Report**

**Supersport: Christian Laettner**

Height: 6-11 Birthdate: 8-17-69  
Weight: 245 College: Duke

Christian Laettner has been playing pro basketball since 1992. He joined the Washington Wizards last year.

In his career he has played for the Dallas Mavericks, the Detroit Pistons, the Atlanta Hawks and the Minnesota Timberwolves.

His best season was 1992-93 when he played 47 for the Timberwolves. He averaged 18.2 points per game.

The best game of his career was 37 points against the Chicago Bulls. He played for the Hawks at the time.

Christian, who keeps a shark in a fish tank in his house, likes playing golf and tennis. He also plays the piano and likes the books of Stephen King. He studied sociology in college.

**Meet Jason Harris**

Jason Harris has been in show business for several years but is best known for hosting "Double Dare."

Jason grew up in New York City. In his career he has acted in plays, narrated audio books, been a stand-up comedian and been in several other TV shows, including "Big Help on the Road" and "Tales of the Wild" on National Geographic.

Jason studied economics and writing at Johns Hopkins University. Before he became an actor, he worked as a food vendor at Shea Stadium.

In his free time he likes bowling, skiing, and playing ice and roller hockey, basketball, Frisbee, baseball and paddleball.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Ruth:** What did the astronaut find in his cooking pan?  
**Herb:** An unidentified frying object!

**Debbie:** Why is your mother sitting motionless in the kitchen?  
**Tammy:** She's following a recipe that says do not stir for 15 minutes!

**Gary:** If all you had to cook for dinner was a beet, what would you say?  
**Cindy:** Well, that beets all!

**OHIO TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of Ohio are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: LAKE, ERIE, DAYTON, FARMS, FORESTS, OHIO, INVENTORS, BLIMP, MUSEUM, ISLAND, COAL, MARBLEHEAD, COLLEGE, RIVER, WAR, AMISH, PRESIDENTS.

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H S R O T N E V N I R B G E W

**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the Rock and Roll Museum in Ohio. See if you can find:

- peanut
- word MINI
- key
- olive
- sailboat
- 2 mushrooms
- number 3
- man in the moon
- lima bean
- snail
- exclamation mark
- letter E
- heart
- turtle
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- coffee pot
- bird
- question mark

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**Lake Erie** lies to the north of the state. Human-made canals connect it and Ohio ports, such as Cleveland and Toledo, to rivers and the Atlantic Ocean. Ohio is a major shipping area.

**Farms** cover more than half the state. Corn and soybeans are the top crops.

**Forests** cover about one-fourth of the state.

**The Jack Nicklaus Museum** in Columbus honors golfing.

**Kelleys Island** in Lake Erie is famous for marks cut into the stone by glaciers nearly 18,000 years ago.

**Marblehead Lighthouse**, built on the shores of Lake Erie in 1821, is the oldest lighthouse continuously in use on the Great Lakes.

**Manufacturing** of aircraft parts, vehicles, machine parts, plastics, soap and metal goods is important.

**The National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center** in Wilberforce is at the first U.S. college owned and operated by African-Americans. Escaped and freed slaves were its first students.

**The Ohio River**, one of the top U.S. rivers, makes up the southern and southeastern borders.

**Eight Presidents** came from Ohio: William Harrison, Benjamin Harrison, Garfield, Grant, Harding, Hayes, McKinley and Taft.

**The "Queen City," Cincinnati**, on the Ohio River, is famous for its beauty, manufacturing and shipping.

**The Red carnation** is the state flower.

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**The United States Air Force Museum** near Dayton is the largest and oldest military aviation museum in the world.

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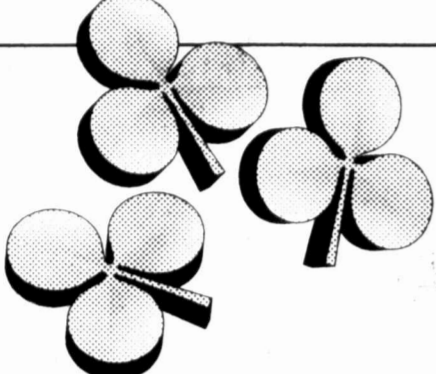
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* Others pick up on your enthusiasm and drive.

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Express your easiness with last-minute changes, especially around work or a parent. If you don't make a big deal about what is happening, others will relax as well. Make calls and reach out for those around you. You're heading down the right path. Tonight: Pop out of the office.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Understand that what seems unexpected could very well work in your favor. You might need to spend a little in order to make some money. Air out ideas with those in the know, especially in your immediate circle. A friend takes a strong stand. Tonight: Treat someone to munchies.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Smile at the unexpected and work with someone. A partner expresses unusual ideas that could set you back on your heels. Think carefully about what you want. You radiate happiness and possibilities. Let it all happen. Tonight: Whatever makes the moon-child happy!  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Step back and enjoy. You could be overwhelmed by what you see mounting on your plate. Ask for help from those who count and can make a difference here. Your intuition feeds you much more information than your intellect. Listen. Tonight: Take off with a favorite person.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Carefully listen to someone who cares a lot about you. This friend will bust his or her chops for you. Others help you in anyway possible, whether the issue is work or personal. Be grateful for all the special friends you have. Tonight: Where your pals are.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Use your insight to move a project along. Someone might rebel, but this could be to your advantage. Not everything is as simple as you would like it to be. A must appearance has far greater impact than you even hoped for. Your professional status grows. Tonight: In the limelight.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Surprises surround you with an intimate or close friend. Your mind drifts to possibilities. Think about the up-and-coming weekend and what you would like to do. Make calls, organizing the next few days. Invite this special person along. Tonight: Take off ASAP.  
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could smile with delight. Choose to deal with someone who is very important in your life on a one-on-one level. Caring buds and blooms. Tonight: Dinner for two.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Concentrate on moving business matters off your desk and freeing up a little extra time. Network, return calls and visit with those you work with. Others like to see you not "all business and no play." Suggest a get-together in the near future. Tonight: Just don't be alone.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Others notice that there is a spring in your step this morning. You might be quite happy that today is Friday. Surprise! You might get involved in a work project with such intensity that someone has to drag you out of the office. Tonight: Play away.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Express some of your more imaginative ideas. A hunch that involves finances could be surprisingly right on. Talk to others and reach out for those who are close to you. Listen to feedback from a child or loved one. This person worships the ground you walk on. How nice! Tonight: Express the romantic that lies within.  
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**Isolation contributing to hubby's paranoia**

Dear Ann Landers: I was not a virgin when I married my husband, "Vern," and he knew it at the time. We have been married for six years. Vern was recently laid off from his job, and I am now supporting the family. With all his free time, he is obsessing over my past loves and driving me crazy by demanding details. Vern wants to know the name of every guy I slept with, and he plans to contact each and every one of them to find out if I'm telling the truth. He thinks my single life was one continuous party. It's not true, Ann. I am much happier being married and raising my children. Why is Vern so obsessed with my former love life? How can I get him to back off? - Faithful Forever in Canada

Dear Faithful: Vern needs a hobby. While he is stuck at home, he probably imagines that you are leading a wild life with your male co-workers. His isolation is contributing to his paranoia. Under no circumstances should you give your husband the names and addresses of your former boyfriends. Continue to reassure Vern that you love him and would never leave him. Help him work on his resume, and check the want ads. Maybe there are repairs around the house that could make him feel useful. If things don't improve, please urge Vern to seek therapy. Sometimes a good doctor and the right medication can work wonders.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I are college students with a new baby. I stayed at home for my six-week maternity leave but had to go back to work part

time in order to make ends meet. We have a lovely neighbor who has offered to watch our daughter, at no cost, while I am at work. We are good friends, and she knows if the job becomes too great a burden, she can tell me and I will make other arrangements. My mother-in-law thinks this is a lousy setup. She insists the baby is a "handful" and our neighbor will resent us for being forced to watch her. Mom says I should get a night job so my husband can stay with our daughter during the evening and I can stay with her during the day. I don't want to do this. I think it is important to spend time together as a family. How can I get my mother-in-law to back off and stay out of our business? - Tired of Listening in Utah

Dear Utah: If you are comfortable having your neighbor watch your daughter, then make the arrangements. You should, however, offer to pay the woman or at least provide dinner for her now and then to thank her. Daycare is a big job. I don't understand why your mother-in-law objects, but this is not her decision. Thank her for her concern, then ignore her suggestions.

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THURSDAY

FEB. 21

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6:30 PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboomaloo	Funniest Home Videos	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Roseanne	Intrusa	Movie: Uncle Buck (CC)	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	(20) Movie: Miami Cops	Hero's Story	Janet Jackson: In Concert From Hawaii (CC)	Update With John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Storm Warning!	Pretender (CC)	Secrets of For- ensic Science
7:30 PM	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Glutton Bowl: The World's	Antiques-UK	Movie: Robin Hood: Men in Tights	Raymond King	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Olympic Winter Games (CC)	Movie: The American	Amigas y Rivaldes (SS)	(45) Movie: The Kid (CC)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Lethal Weapon (CC)	Movie: Bless the Child	Debbie Good Biblical Israel	Biography (CC)	Science Mysteries	Law & Order (CC)	NBA Basket- ball: Sacra- mento Kings at San Anto-	Mystery of Easter Island
8:30 PM	Drew Carey Whose Line?	Greatest Eat- ing Contest	Secrets of the Dead (CC)	Tights	CSI: Crime Son	Drew Carey Whose Line?	Agency (CC)	Primetime Thursday	(45) Movie: P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Color of Night (CC)	Movie: High-lander: End-	Real Sex 27: Slippery	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Science Mys- teries (CC)	mento Kings at San Anto-	Ancient Apo- calypse-Maya
9:30 PM	Primetime Thursday	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Frontline (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Agency (CC)	Primetime Thursday	Agency (CC)	(45) Movie: P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Color of Night (CC)	Movie: High-lander: End-	Real Sex 27: Slippery	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Science Mys- teries (CC)	mento Kings at San Anto-	Ancient Apo- calypse-Maya	
10:30 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Late	Twins	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: Color of Night (CC)	Movie: High-lander: End-	Real Sex 27: Slippery	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Science Mys- teries (CC)	mento Kings at San Anto-	Ancient Apo- calypse-Maya
11:30 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	Suddenly Mad Abt. You	Senior Year Am High	Wonder Years Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	News (35) Tonight	News	En las Me- jores Familias	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	SnakeEater	(10:50) Movie: Lumumba (CC)	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Science Mys- teries	Movie: Never Say Never	Agan	Mystery of Easter Island	
12:30 AM	Cowboy Paid Program	Spin City (CC) Paid Program	Frontline (CC)	Paid Program	Show (CC) (12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Show (CC)	Bury TV	Bury TV	Maria la del Barrio	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	(20) Movie: Movie: No	Fath Pleases God	Movie: Longitude	Science Mys- teries	Agan	Agan	Ancient Apo- calypse-Maya	

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"DON'T WORRY, MR. WILSON! AFTER THIS NEXT HILL, WE'LL REALLY PICK UP SPEED!"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Betcha Mommy's gonna phone Grandma. PJ just did something cute."

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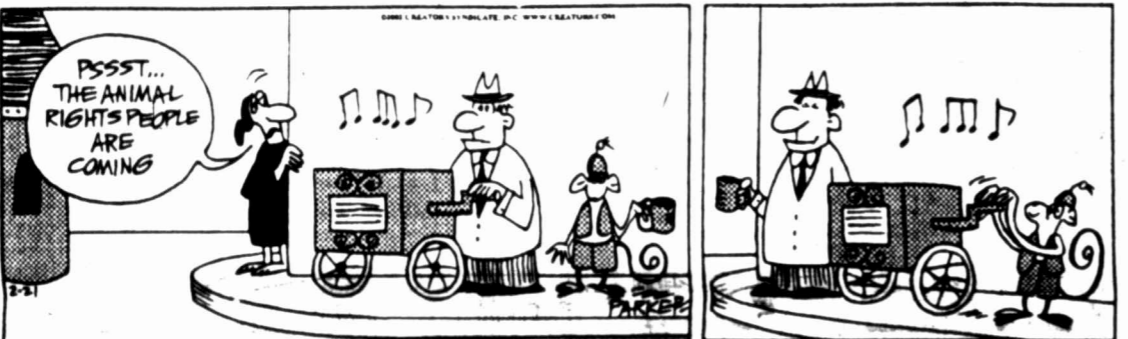
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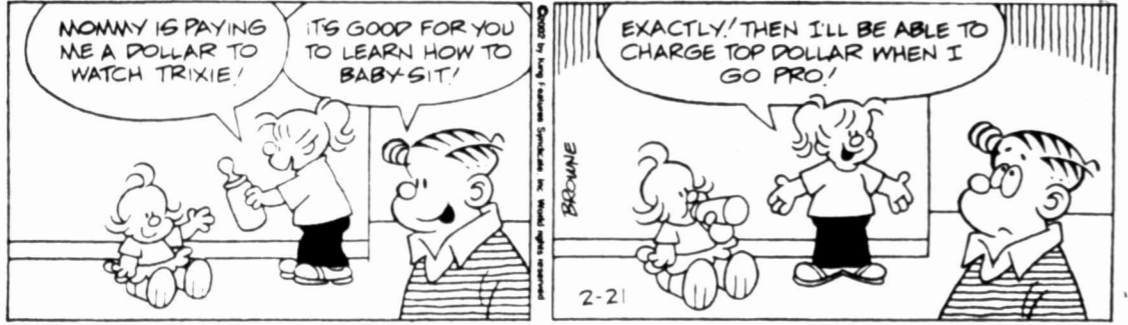
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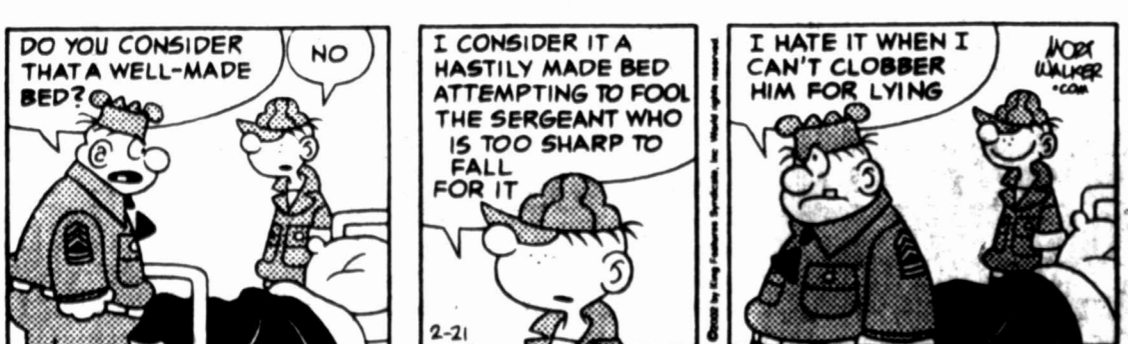
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2002. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 21, 1965, former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death in New York by assassins identified as Black Muslims.

On this date:

In 1878, the first telephone directory was issued, by the District Telephone Co. of New Haven, Conn.

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France.

In 1925, The New Yorker magazine made its debut.

In 1947, Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in 60 seconds.

In 1972, President Nixon began his historic visit to China as he and his wife, Pat, arrived in Shanghai.

In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down a Libyan Airlines jet over the Sinai Desert, killing more than 100 people.

In 1986, Larry Wu-tai Chin, the first American found guilty of spying for China, killed himself in his Virginia jail cell.

In 1995, Chicago stockbroker Steve Fossett became the first person to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean in a balloon, landing in Leader, Saskatchewan, Canada.

In 2000, consumer advocate Ralph Nader announced his entry into the presidential race, bidding for the nomination of the Green Party.

Ten years ago: Kristi Yamaguchi of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville Olympics; Midori Ito of Japan won the silver, Nancy Kerrigan of the United States the bronze. John Frohnmayer announced his resignation as chairman of the National

Endowment for the Arts.

Five years ago: Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr reversed his decision to resign. The space shuttle Discovery returned to earth after a mission to upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope. A bomb exploded at a gay and lesbian nightclub in Atlanta, injuring five people.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Hubert de Givenchy is 75. Movie director Bob Rafelson is 69. Singer Nina Simone is 69. Actor Gary Lockwood is 65. Actor-director Richard Beymer is 63. Actor Peter McEnery is 62. Recording executive David Geffen is 59. Actor Alan Rickman is 56. Actress Tyne Daly is 56.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TIEBREAKERS by Merle Baker  
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- Poetic foot
- Fez feature
- Where to wager: Abbr.
- On the first and the 15th
- Soup veggie
- Historic western route
- Conclusion
- Western Indian
- Rib connector
- Ham it up
- Memory aid
- Take on
- Zebra
- Christie or Karenina
- Table-setting item
- RMN's successor
- "... to skin"
- Encircle
- Cook's device
- Ceremony
- Small amount
- Terre Haute sch.
- Harbor protection
- Wrestling needs
- Little devils
- Off the Court author
- sci
- in the blink of
- Less decorated
- Klutzes

DOWN

- Write
- Liner trips
- Comic exclamation
- Uproar
- Apt. divisions
- Hair coverings
- Merit
- It means "equal"
- Lingus
- Mrs., abroad
- Archie Bunker and others
- avail
- Feelers
- Orch. section
- Volcanic peak in California
- Type size
- Lovett of song
- Nine A.M., perhaps
- Prof's protection
- Rustlers, e.g.
- Speck
- Cologne's river
- Proof word
- Griffin of TV
- Say grace, perhaps
- Before the bar
- Sore spot
- South American capital
- Mem. of the bar
- Spoils
- Gunpowder ingredient
- Waved
- Catch sight of
- Gambit
- Variety of quartz
- Regard
- West Side Story actress
- Preposterous
- Pie nut
- Frizzy do
- Keystone crew
- \$\$ sources
- Bustle
- Itinerary word
- Land north of Afr.
- K followers

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